MINUTES OF MEETING State Board of Education May 29, 2007

The telephonic meeting of the Board of Education was held telephonically on May 29, 2007. Board members Gene Vincent, Rosie Hussey, Sister Jude Fitzpatrick, Brian Gentry, Wayne Kobberdahl, Mary Jean Montgomery, Max Phillips and Kameron Dodge were present. Absent: Charlie Edwards and Jackie Dout. Also present were Department Director Judy Jeffrey and staff members Gail Sullivan, Carol Greta, Elaine Watkins-Miller, Pam Pfitzenmaier, Lana Michelson, Jeff Berger, Penny Milburn, LauraBelle Sherman-Proehl and Beverlee Adams. Megan Hawkins, *Des Moines Register*, was also present.

President Gene Vincent called the meeting to order.

It was moved by Rosie Hussey and seconded by Mary Jean Montgomery to approve the agenda as written.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Rules: Chapter 16—Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program Rules (Emergency and Notice of Intended Action)

Director Judy Jeffrey explained that the rule process allows the Department to move forward with the application to be released immediately so the school districts can prepare an application. The timeline is very short as the programs need to be up and running by October 1, 2007.

Penny Milburn, Early Childhood Specialist and LauraBelle Sherman-Proehl, Administrative Consultant reviewed the proposed Chapter 16 rules. They also discussed the stakeholders that had provided input in the initial process for developing the rules.

Milburn noted that House File 877 created a statewide voluntary preschool program in new Iowa Code chapter 256C. The legislation further provided that the State Board of Education adopt emergency rules to further define whether a local program implemented by a school

district qualifies for state funding under the legislation, to further define the requirements imposed upon school districts implementing such programs, and as otherwise necessary to implement the statewide voluntary preschool program as provided in legislation.

Board members discussed the content and implementation of these rules.

Motion: It was moved by Mary Jean Montgomery and seconded by Rosie Hussey that the State Board give public notice of its intent to add these rules to chapter 16 of the State Board of Education rules and to adopt them immediately under the authority of Chapter 17A of the Code of Iowa. The Board grants the State Board attorney the flexibility to produce or add any other edits to make language consistent and to present those changes to the State Board in a timely manner.

Vote: Aye: Fitzpatrick, Gentry, Montgomery, Hussey, Kobberdahl, Phillips, Vincent. Nay: None The motion carried.

President Vincent stated this is an historic moment for the state of Iowa with the implementation of the statewide voluntary preschool program. Mary Jean Montgomery added thanks for the collaborative groups that helped make this a reality and a special thanks to Max Phillips who gathered new partners to help achieve this profound change in our law.

Gene E. Vincent

Judy A. Jeffrey, Director

and Executive Officer

President Gene Vincent adjourned the meeting.

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